

Sailing 21 August 2022

Spring Series 4

There was just a very light wind today and no specific reliable direction. A course was set with a dog-leg.

The start of **race 1** was delayed for a few minutes until there was actually some wind and the boats could move behind the line. The race would be cut back to a single lap if it looked like it would take too long, but the wind held to complete two laps. Initially Bruce Watson and Alan Smith lead away on the light windward. At the top mark it was Reuben Muir that drifted around first with Tom Clark and John Macaulay close behind. Through the dog-leg John took the lead but at the bottom mark, 'tree blue', the wind died allowing Reuben, Tom and Rick Royden to creep



past. Rick led away into lap 2 with Reuben chasing in the dog-leg while the rest of the fleet gathered, becalmed, around the top mark (above). Bruce led out of this group to be third behind Rick and Reuben.

The dog-leg was removed for **race 2** to reduce the time taken. Again the fleet gathered at the top mark in very light wind. This time it was Mike Renner, Tom Clark and Chris Ward that escaped to rush around the next couple of marks. Mike and Tom led into lap 2 but by the top mark Reuben and Bruce were past Mike ut Tom was sufficiently ahead to take the win with Reuben and Bruce placing. After these had rounded the final mark the fleet arrived there with no wind and they struggled to complete the last leg.



The wind had changed so the course was reversed and changed with a dog-leg reinstated for **race 3**. Tom led at the first mark (now 'tree blue') but Reuben claimed buoy room and rounded inside while Laurie Glover was able to turn inside them and then lead away at the next mark with Tom chasing, the two getting a good sized lead on the rest (above). On the leg into lap 2 Tom didn't go through the line (due to the course reversal) and had to return which let John through to be behind Laurie. At the top mark Reuben also caught Tom. The finish was: Laurie, John, Reuben.



Alan Watson, Brian Christensen and Chris Ward led **race 4** for a couple of legs. At the bottom mark the wind was light and the fleet gathered with Chris leading away (above). At the dog-leg mark several boats were approaching on port tack while Reuben came up fast on starboard with right-of-way to push past into the lead. By lap 2 the lead was now with Laurie with Bruce and Alan Smith not far behind. At the final mark Bruce took the lead to win the race with Laurie and Alan Smith taking the places.

At the start of **race 5** Bruce was able to push Reuben the wrong side of the start mark but then he had to cross early and return. This left Alan Smith, Laurie and John leading up to the first mark. With the wind shifting and increasing, and a few spots of rain, John took over the lead with Reuben and Bruce rounding the final mark of lap 1 ahead of the rest. By the finish Reuben led to take the win from John while Laurie made it into third place.



Race 6 had Brian and Mike rush off to a good lead, Alan Smith and Chris Ward chasing. A couple of legs later Mike had the lead and Chris Ward managed to get between Mike and Brian (above). John had his batteries fail and he went to shore. Bruce was pushed towards a buoy and he caught it. Mike held the lead through lap 2 to take the win while Laurie worked his way into second and Alan Smith held on to be third.

Reuben Muir was top boat today with one win and 12 points. **Laurie Glover** was second with one win and 14 points. **Bruce Watson** was third, again with one win, and 21 points. Other wins went to **Rick Royden**, **Tom Clark** and **Mike Renner**.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

See [Wayne's Facebook page](#), now maintained by Mike Renner, for more photos.

Next Week(s):

August 28: Spring Series 5
September 4: Fathers Day - fun day
September 11: Spring Series 6

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